単行本1巻、
いよいよ5月19日(金)に
発売決定!!
グレイの名を騙り、カイはレムリアンカンパニーの部隊に接触!
ダーラ帝国の砦からサクラ姫を救い出せるのか?!
第5話 スリーアの爆風
神呪のネクタール
[原作]吉野弘幸 [漫画]佐藤健悦

Chapter 5: The Suriyah Thunder

THE STORY SO FAR...

Sakura is the last surviving royal of Adaar after Dhala's invasion. She performed a ritual to summon a *marebito*, a powerful guardian, but was sent Kai, an ordinary young man from Earth.

Now Sakura's companion, Grey, has been killed by poison and she's been captured by the Dhalani. Disguising himself as Grey, Kai is trying to save her.

I ADMIRE YOUR RESOLVE...
...BUT BEING TOO STUBBORN OFTEN YIELDS UNPLEASANT REWARDS.
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
sigh

I HAVE TO DO THE BEST I CAN, ALONE
GREY..
POOR GREY..
HE WON'T SAVE ME FROM THIS

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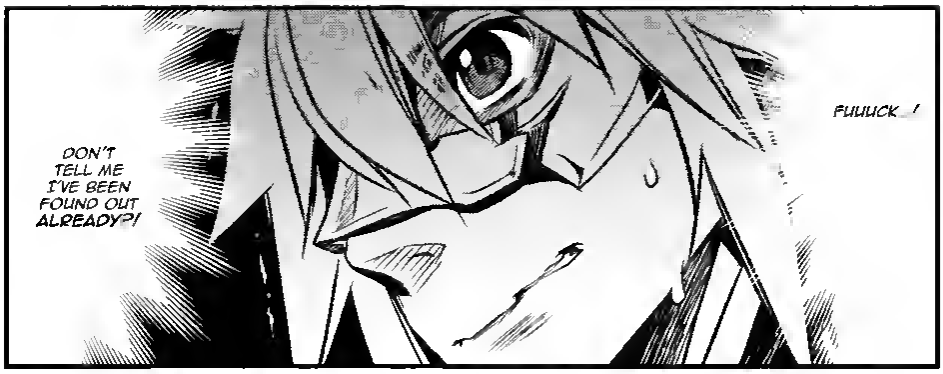
AND KAI...
I'M SO SORRY I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS
I CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'RE SOMEWHERE SAFE, FAR AWAY FROM HERE

MAJOR GREY ENFIELD?!
BUT...



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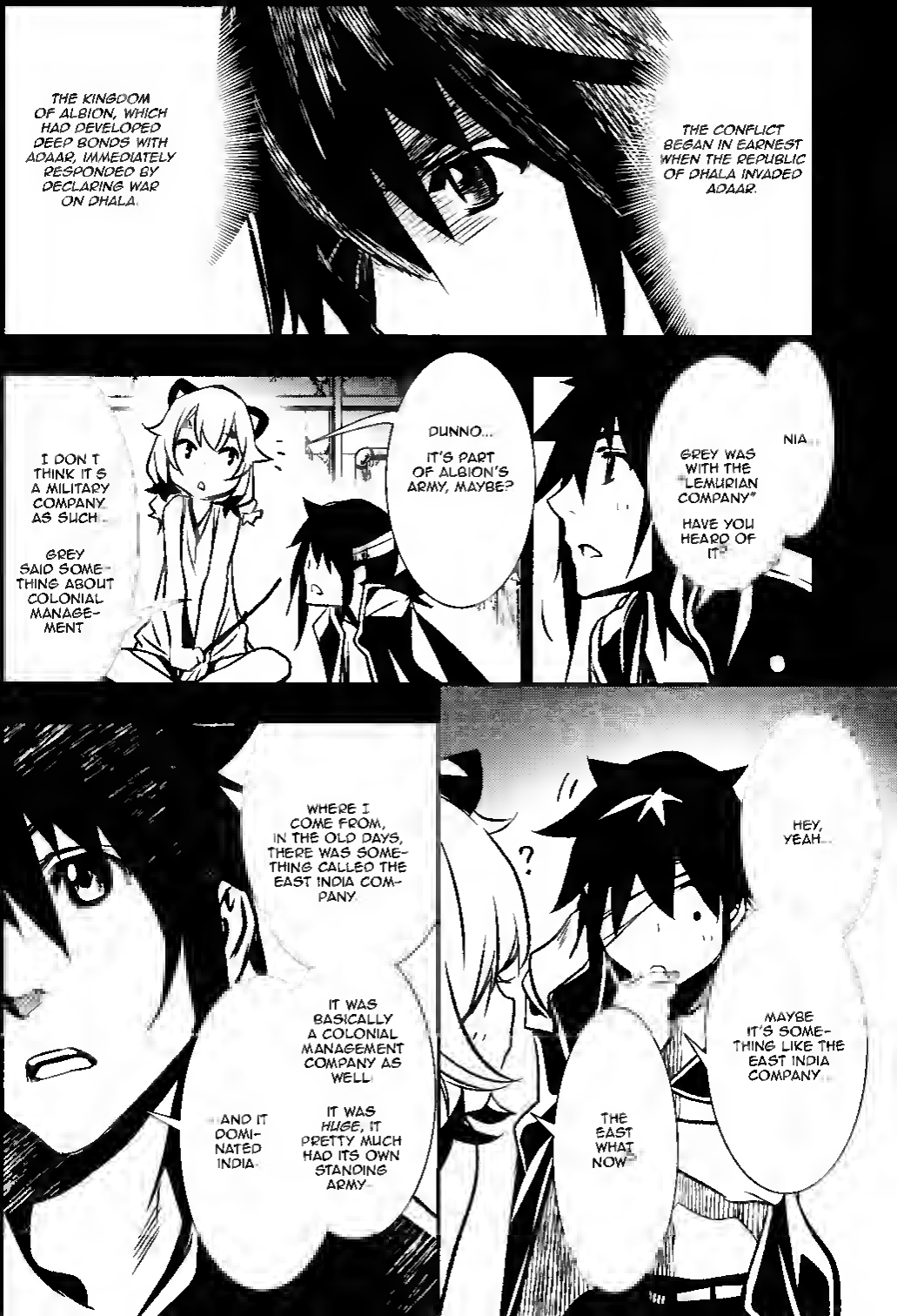
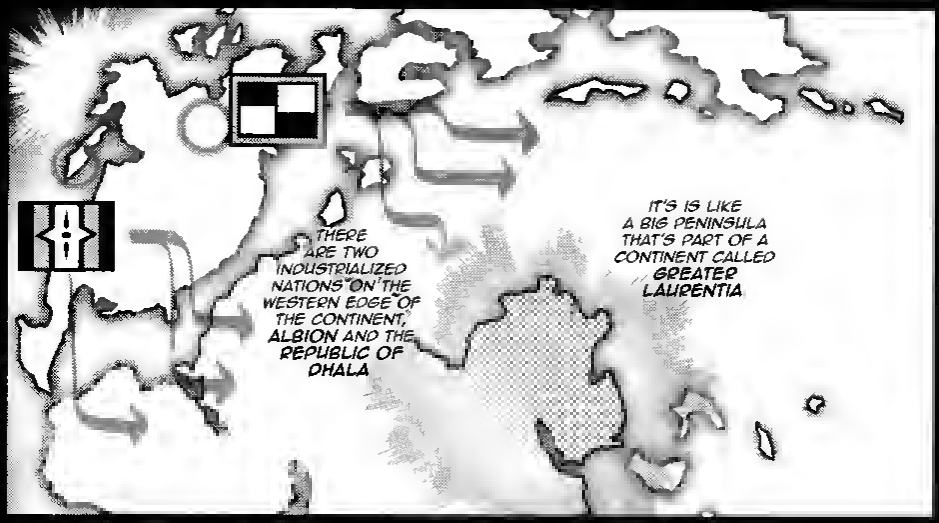
NOTE: BLACK BACKGROUND MEANS IT HAPPENED EARLIER

RIGHT!
AND ON MARA, WE
ARE HERE
tap
swipe
AND WHERE SAKURA'S FROM?
ADAAR?
IN THE PORT CITY OF SURIYAH
AND ALSO, RIGHT NOW
ALBION AND DHALA ARE AT WAR HERE
AS THEIR COLONIES ARE GROWING
THAT'S AROUND HERE
I THINK
scrape


THE KINGDOM OF ALBION, WHICH HAD DEVELOPED DEEP BONDS WITH ADAAR, IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED BY DECLARING WAR ON DHALA.
THE CONFLICT BEGAN IN EARNEST WHEN THE REPUBLIC OF DHALA INVADED ADAAR.
I DON'T THINK IT'S A MILITARY COMPANY AS SUCH.
GREY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT COLONIAL MANAGEMENT
DUNNO...
IT'S PART OF ALBION'S ARMY, MAYBE?
NIA...
GREY WAS WITH THE "LEMURIAN COMPANY"
HAVE YOU HEARD OF IT?
HEY, YEAH...
?
MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.
THE EAST WHAT NOW?
WHERE I COME FROM, IN THE OLD DAYS, THERE WAS SOMETHING CALLED THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.
IT WAS BASICALLY A COLONIAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY AS WELL.
IT WAS *HUGE*, IT PRETTY MUCH HAD ITS OWN STANDING ARMY.
AND IT DOMINATED INDIA.

MEMORIES FROM MY OLD LIFE...
SUDDENLY, IT WAS AS IF A DAM BURST WIDE OPEN IN MY MIND...
...AND A FLOOD OF LOST MEMORIES CAME CRASHING DOWN ON ME.
BITS AND PIECES OF THINGS I USED TO KNOW...

IT'S...
IT'S NO-THING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU WENT ALL QUIET...
?
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS WORLD!
NIA...
PLEASE TELL ME MORE!
TO SUMMARIZE NIA'S LESSONS...
...WE'RE ON A SUB-CONTINENT CALLED MARA.


IT'S IS LIKE A BIG PENINSULA THAT'S PART OF A CONTINENT CALLED GREATER LAURENTIA
THERE ARE TWO INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE CONTINENT, ALBION AND THE REPUBLIC OF DHALA

THEY'RE LOCKED IN A RACE TO COLONIZE MARA
AND THERE'S NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN THEM

IT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE HISTORY OF MY WORLD IN THE LATER PART OF THE 19 TH CENTURY
ONLY HERE THERE'S MAGIC, AND MONSTERS, AND OTHER RACES...
IT'S LIKE A FANTASY WORLD ON THE BRINK OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
SO MAYBE...

MAJOR GREY ENFIELD...
I'VE HEARD OF HIM, OF COURSE.
"HALF-ELF, BROWN EYES, BLONDE HAIR
EXCELLENT FIGHTER AND STRATEGIST

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, MAJOR...

BY THE LOOK OF IT, THE UNIFORM'S REAL ENOUGH
...BUT WHAT'S WITH THE MASK...?

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AND I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT WHEN DHALA ATTACKED ADAAR
...YOU WENT MISSING

ALRIGHT!
SHE HASN'T HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH GREY!
I CAN STILL SAVE THIS!
YES, I WAS FORCED TO MAKE A HASTY RETREAT.
HOW-EVER
MY PURSUERS INJURED MY FACE QUITE BADLY
TO SPARE OTHERS FROM THE SIGHT, MY SUPERIORS SUGGESTED I WEAR A MASK

NOW, AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRINCESS OF ADAAR WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE.
SHE'S BEING HELD IN THAT FORTRESS
SHE'S THE REASON WHY I'M HERE
I MEAN TO FREE HER

THERE IT IS...
THE DHALANI FORTRESS.
yank
sigh
UAAH!!
WHA'?!
THAT ROCK LOOKS PRETTY
HEY, BE CAREFUL
THAT'S WHERE SAKURA IS!
YEAH, IT'S IN-SANE.
THEY WANT US TO TAKE THIS PLACE WITH OUR NUMBERS.
tot
THE ROCKS CRUMBLE SO EASILY.
THIS IS DIATOMACEOUS EARTH.!!

THOSE JACKETS...
THEY'RE LEMURIAN TROOPS, LIKE GREY!
ARE THEY HERE TO ATTACK THE FORTRESS?!
AND THAT NEW LIEUTE-NANT...
I DON'T TRUST HER.
WHAT, YOU'RE GONNA SNEAK OFF TOO?
YOU MEAN PRETEND?!
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GONNA PRE-TEND TO BE GREY THE DEAD GUY?

AND THEN...
...I'M GOING TO USE THOSE LEMURIAN TROOPS TO SAVE SAKURA
YES.
YEAH "ONE DAY"
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
grip
...AND THEN THEY'LL KILL YOU!
EVEN IF YOU FOOL THEM FOR A WHILE, ONE DAY YOU WILL SLIP UP...
AND ALSO...
THIS IS CRAZY!
WAIT WAIT WAIT
I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!
AFTER THAT...
THAT'S ALL!
I JUST NEED TO GET AWAY WITH IT UNTIL I CAN RESCUE SAKURA

...SO WHILE OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES MAY BE DIFFE-RENT...
...WE WERE BOTH SENT HERE TO DO THE SAME THING!
TAKE OUT THAT FORTRESS!
ARE WE ON THE SAME PAGE IN THIS LIEUTENANT?

ARE YOU REALLY *BUYING* ALL THIS?!
BOSS, *PLEASE*...!
WE ARE...

SPEAK FREELY
DO YOU DOUBT ME?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ARAN SEZAC

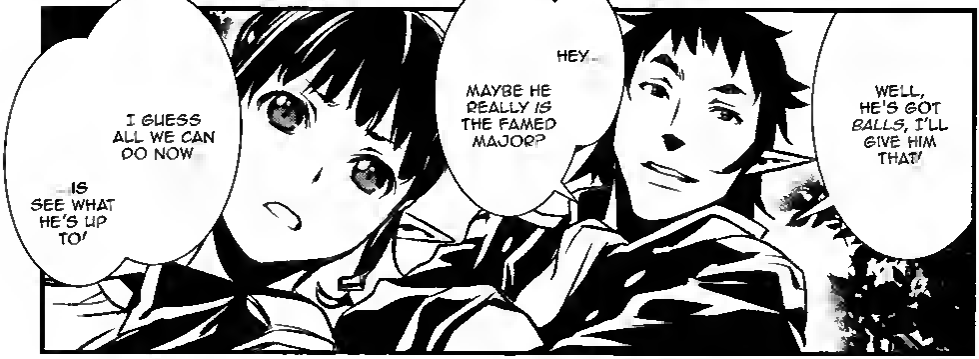
SOME ***MASKED HERO*** SHOWS UP OUT OF ***NOWHERE,*** JUST WHEN WE NEED IT, AND YOU DON'T ASK ANY ***QUESTIONS?!***
THAT'S ENOUGH, CORPORAL, KNOW YOUR PLACE!

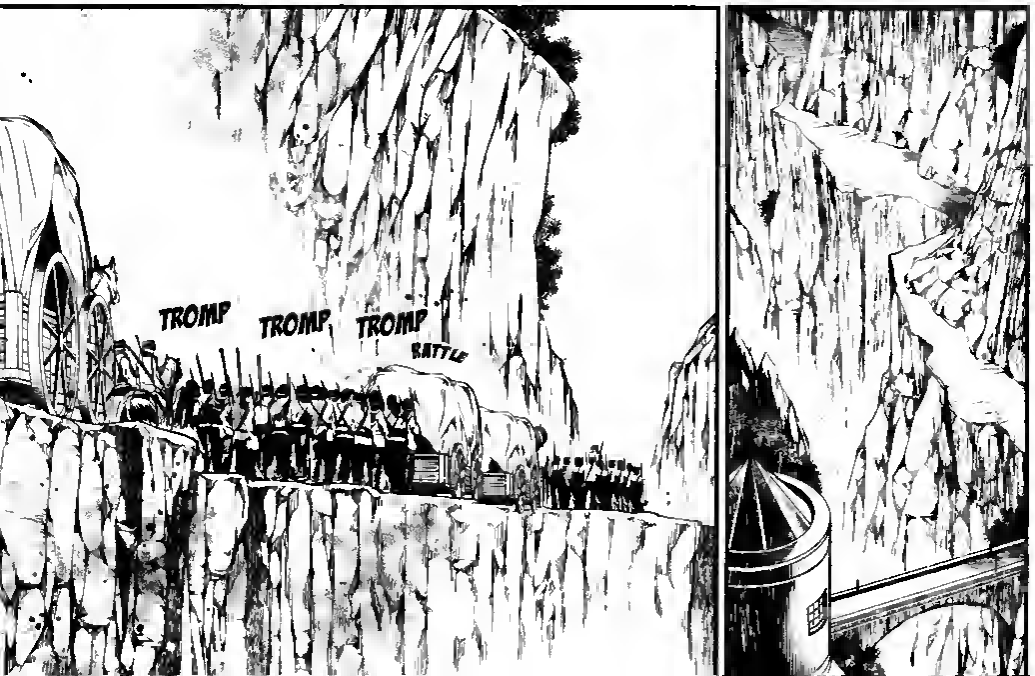
AND FRANKLY
...SIR...
I DO

ENEMY REINFORCE-MENTS!
THEY'RE APPROACHING THE FORT-RESS!
COMMANDER!

RE—
REINFORCE-MENTS?!
SO NOW THERE'LL BE EVEN MORE OF THEM THAN THERE ALREADY ARE...?!
THIS, THIS IS...

!!
I'LL DEAL WITH THEM


I GUESS ALL WE CAN DO NOW
...IS SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!
HEY...
MAYBE HE REALLY IS THE FAMED MAJOR?
WELL, HE'S GOT BALLS, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT!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RATTLE

CARTLOADS OF AMMUNITION, SUPPLIES AND CHAIN GUNS...
THIS IS ABOUT AS BAD AS IT CAN GET...
WE'LL MOVE TO THAT OVERHANG
18
THEN WE'LL USE THIS
slip
AND THEN...?

WHAT'S... WHAT'S THAT, SIR?
IT'S CALLED DYNAMITE.
?

AH... OF COURSE THERE ARE DWARFS IN THIS WORLD TOO...
...AND OF COURSE THEY MAKE WEAPONS...
YEP
YOU WANNA GET WEAPONS. BUT THERE AREN'T ANY DWARF SHOPS AROUND HERE.
SO THIS IS THE NEXT BEST THING!

AN ALCHEMIST?

swing

WELCOME!
HI THERE!
I'D LIKE TO SEE THE ALCHEMIST, PLEASE!
YES, OF COURSE!
SPARKLE

SHE'S A HALF-LING!
THEY'RE ALL TINY AND MOST OF THEM STOP AGING WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG.
SHUT UP!
THIS IS THE MASTER ALCHEMIST!
SO, UH...
SO MAYBE YOU COULD GO AND—
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH?
R-REALLY...?!
THAT'S JUST CREEPY!
I'M SORRY!
YES, ACTUALLY, I'M IN NEED OF A, A WEAPON OF SOME KIND...
I MUST APOLOGIZE, DEAR CUSTOMER—
THE DHALANI ARMY—
IT'S ISSUED A STANDING ORDER ON ALL THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WE CAN PRODUCE—
—SO I'M ALL OUT FOR NOW.

AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE.
BUT ISN'T THERE SOMETHING?!
SOMETHING YOU COULD USE TO FIGHT WITH?!
ANYTHING!
WELL, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
MAYBE THERE IS!
drip
sip

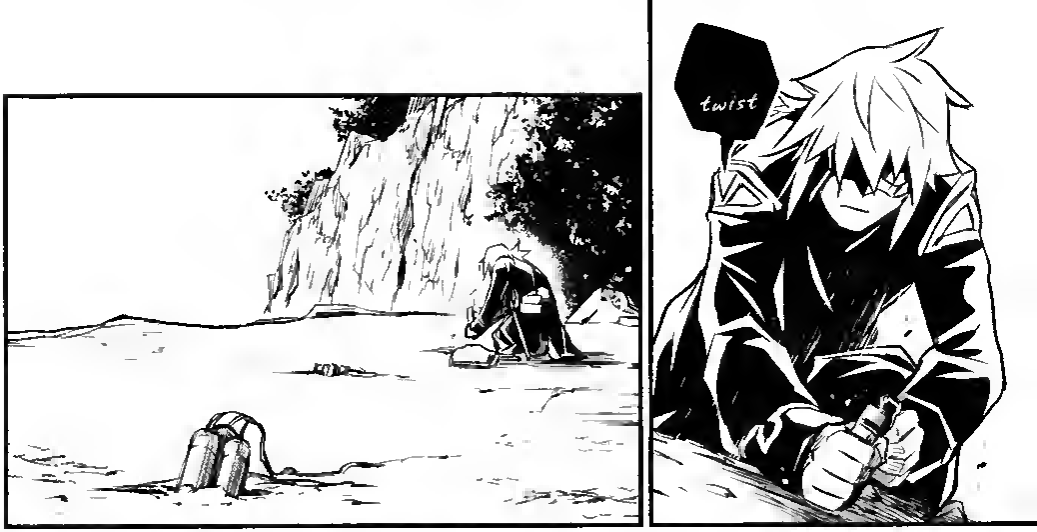
WHOOM
NYAAH!!
ITS POWER IS FAR SUPERIOR TO GUNPOWDER.
HOWEVER, ALL IT TAKES IS A SMALL SHOCK TO MAKE IT EXPLODE.
SO I'M AFRAID IT ISN'T VERY PRACTICAL.
BUT ISN'T THIS...?
CAN I TASTE A DROP?
OF COURSE!

SO IF I CAN MIX IT WITH...
I WAS RIGHT!
THIS IS NITRO-GLYCE-RINE!
SWEET...
lick
THEN HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A GOOD USE FOR IT...
...MASTER MARE-BITO?
I'LL TAKE IT!
ALL OF IT!
AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE!
H-HOW...
ONE THE GODS BROUGHT HERE FROM THE NAKARA, THE MANY HELLS -
-AND BESTOWED WITH A TERRIBLE POWER?
YOU ARE ONE, AREN'T YOU?
A MAREBITO?
A "STRANGER FROM AFAR"?
...

TO TELL THE TRUTH...
I SAW YOU FIGHT THE GHOUL, RIGHT HERE IN THE SQUARE.
THIS LIQUID...
I KNOW A WAY TO MAKE IT STABLE.
WITH SOME OTHER KIND OF TECHNOLOGY?
THAT'S RIGHT.
VERY WELL.
I WILL SELL YOU THIS LIQUID.
...BUT I HAVE ONE CONDITION.

I WON'T TAKE YOUR MONEY
INSTEAD, AS COMPENSATION, YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO EXAMINE YOUR DHARANI, THE GOD-SPELL
...AND YOU WILL ANSWER ALL MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PLACE YOU CAME FROM
MAY I ASK...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I AM CELIA IGNIS
GOT IT
THEN WE HAVE A DEAL, CEILA IGNIS
YES!
hug
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

AND IF YOU THINK, EVEN FOR A SECOND, THAT I'LL LET YOU SLITHER OUT OF OUR DEAL...
...YOU'D DO WELL TO THINK AGAIN...
...MAREBITO.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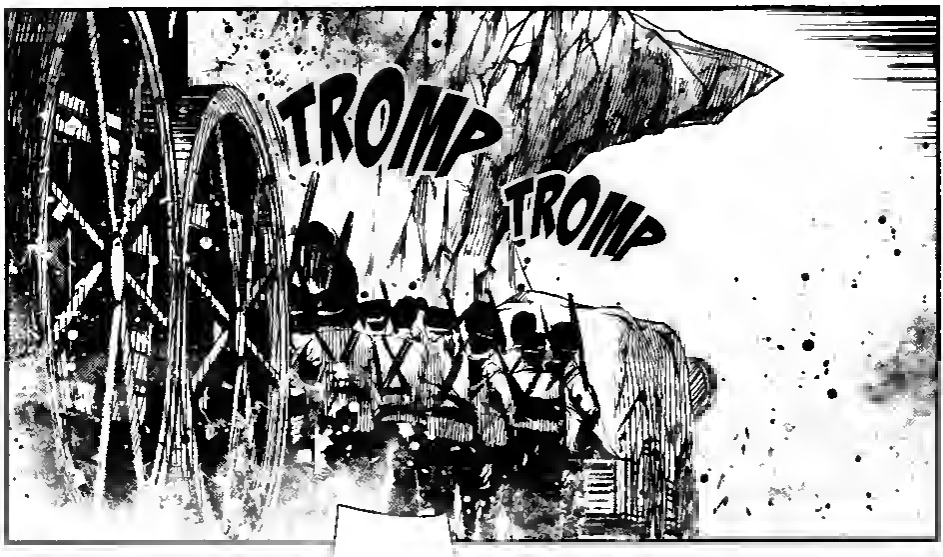
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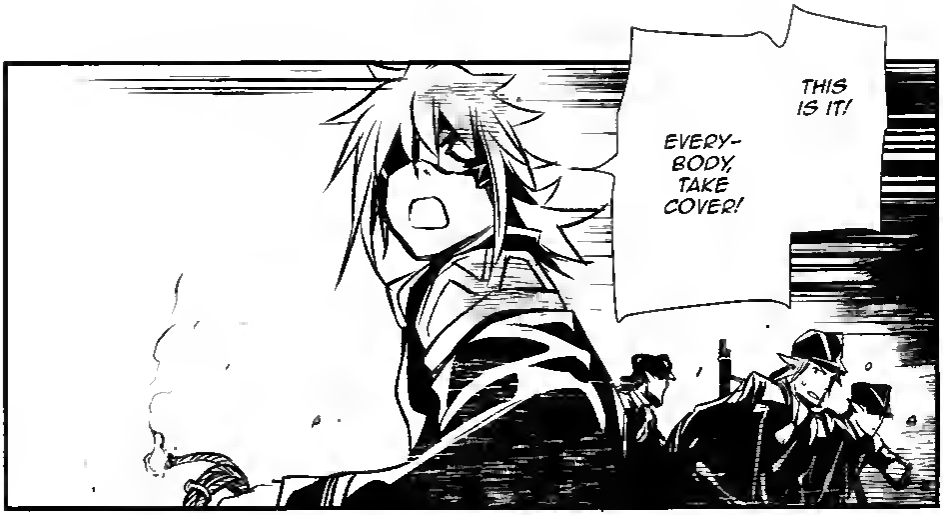
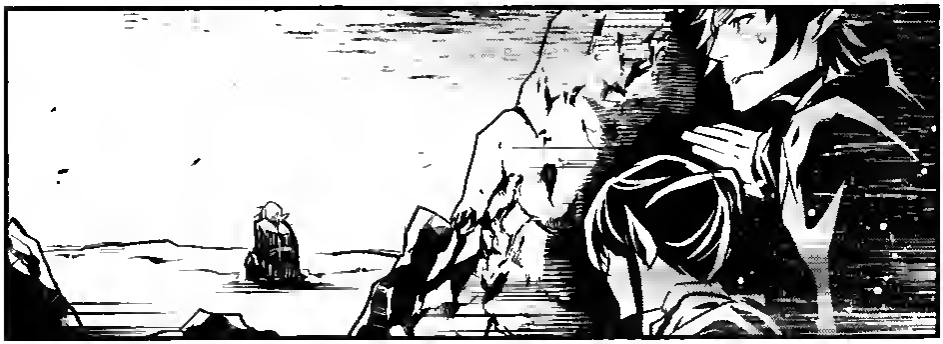
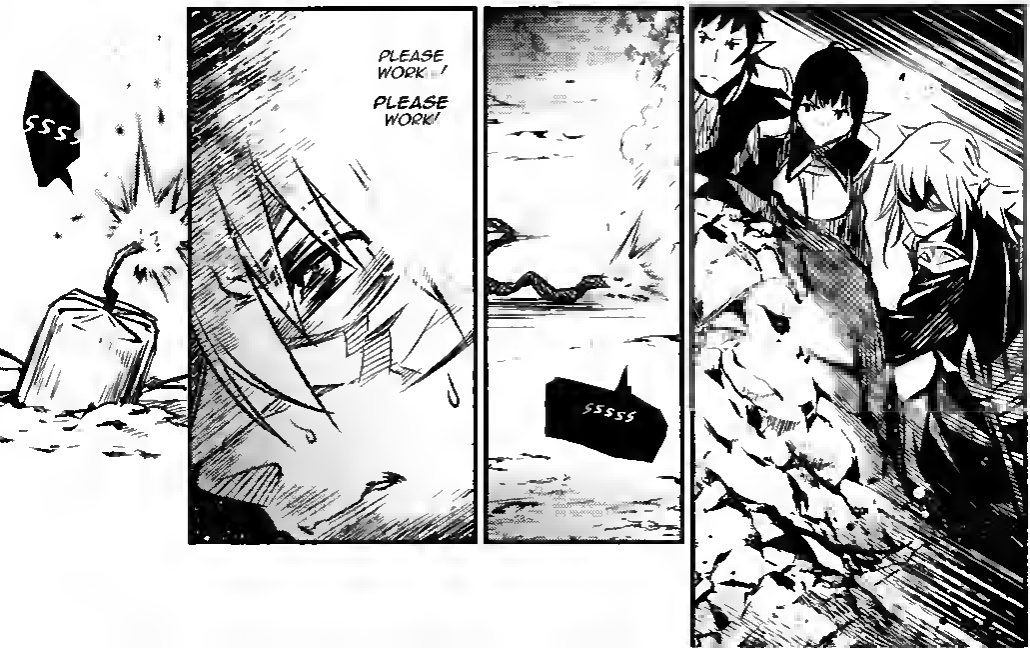
THEY'RE AT THE MARK!


THIS IS IT!
EVERY-BODY, TAKE COVER!




ssss
PLEASE WORK!
PLEASE WORK!
sssss

BRRMMMMM
WHAT?!
KABOOM

KRRMMMBLLL

WHAT WAS THAT?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN EXPLOSION LIKE THAT!
MMMMMMMMMMMM
THE TUBES CONTAIN SOMETHING CALLED NITRO-GLYCE-RINE
WHEN YOU GIVE IT A LITTLE SHAKE, WELL...
MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF A LIQUID THAT EXPLODES, LIEUTENANT?

I.
I HAVE, SIR.
I'VE ALSO HEARD OF STUDIES AND EXPERIMENTS WHERE THEY TRIED TO MAKE A WEAPON OUT OF IT.
BUT THE LIQUID'S ALWAYS BEEN DEEMED FAR TOO UNSTABLE TO BE OF ANY REAL USE
BUT IT CAN BE
IF IT'S PROCESSED THE RIGHT WAY

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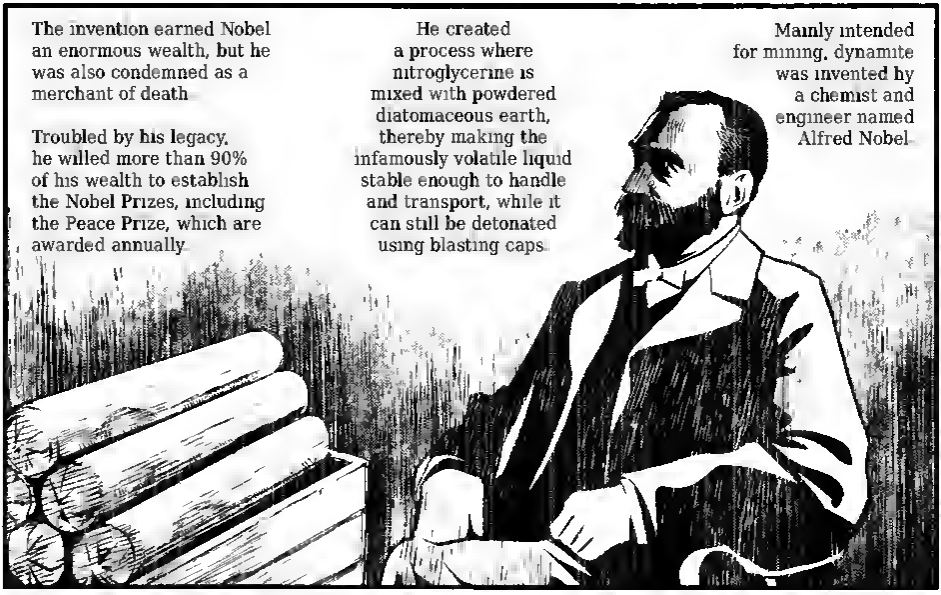
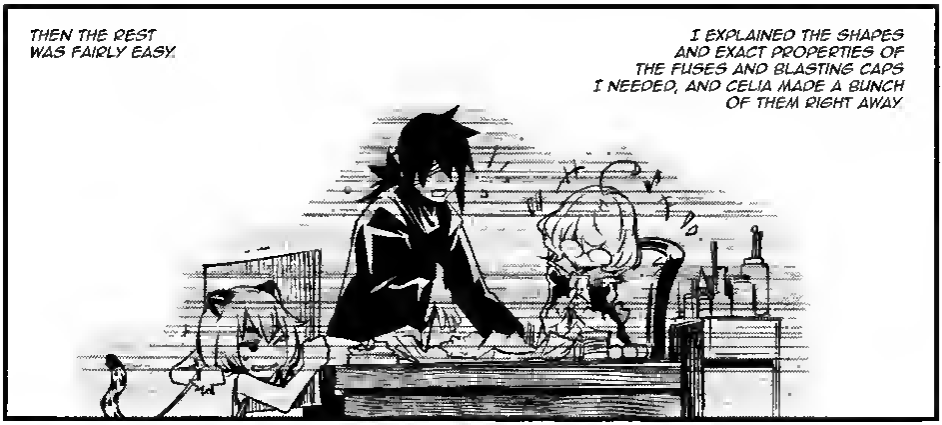
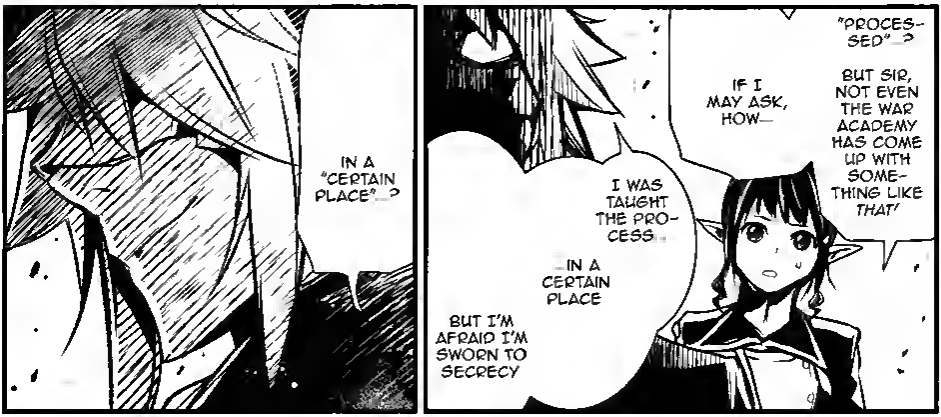
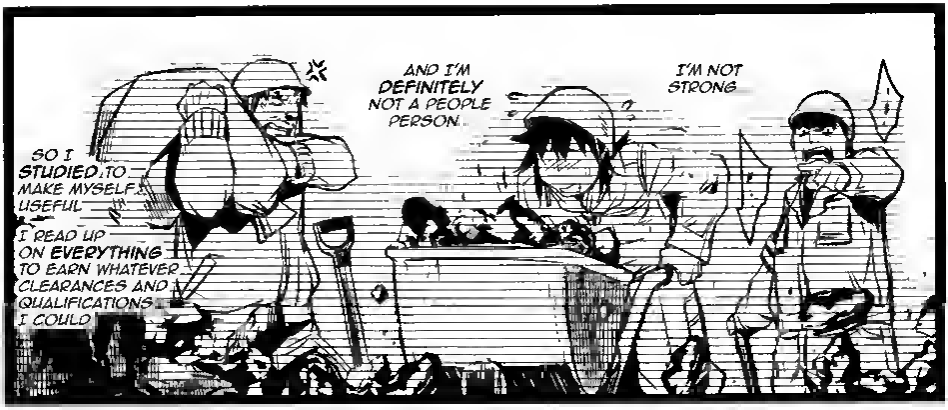
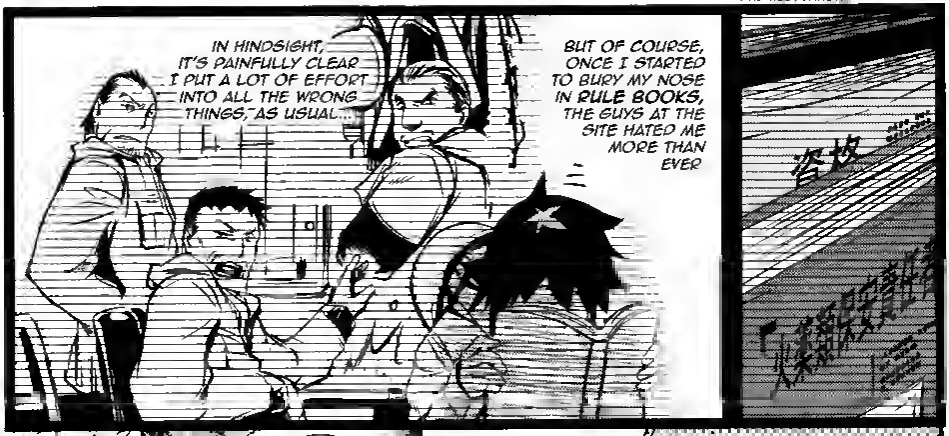

The invention earned Nobel an enormous wealth, but he was also condemned as a merchant of death.
Troubled by his legacy, he willed more than 90% of his wealth to establish the Nobel Prizes, including the Peace Prize, which are awarded annually.
He created a process where nitroglycerine is mixed with powdered diatomaceous earth, thereby making the infamously volatile liquid stable enough to handle and transport, while it can still be detonated using blasting caps.
Mainly intended for mining, dynamite was invented by a chemist and engineer named Alfred Nobel.


THEN THE REST WAS FAIRLY EASY.
I EXPLAINED THE SHAPES AND EXACT PROPERTIES OF THE FUSES AND BLASTING CAPS I NEEDED, AND CELIA MADE A BUNCH OF THEM RIGHT AWAY.


IN A "CERTAIN PLACE"...?
"PROCESSED"...?
BUT SIR, NOT EVEN THE WAR ACADEMY HAS COME UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
IF I MAY ASK, HOW—
I WAS TAUGHT THE PROCESS...
...IN A CERTAIN PLACE
BUT I'M AFRAID I'M SWORN TO SECRECY

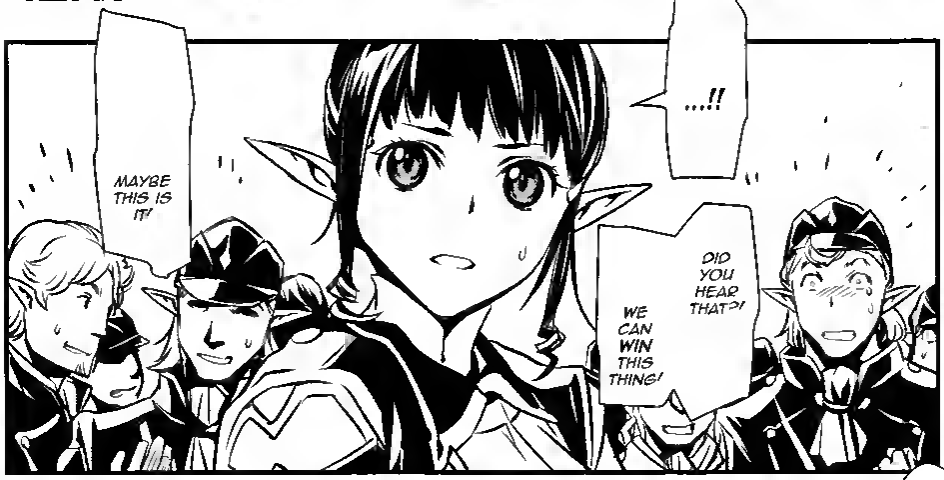
YES, A CERTAIN PLACE CALLED "PART TIME JOB AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN THE MOUNTAINS".


I'M NOT STRONG
AND I'M DEFINITELY NOT A PEOPLE PERSON
SO I STUDIED TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL
I READ UP ON EVERYTHING TO EARN WHATEVER CLEARANCES AND QUALIFICATIONS I COULD


IN HINDSIGHT, IT'S PAINFULLY CLEAR I PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO ALL THE WRONG THINGS, AS USUAL...
BUT OF COURSE, ONCE I STARTED TO BURY MY NOSE IN RULE BOOKS, THE GUYS AT THE SITE HATED ME MORE THAN EVER
谷地

THERE ARE PLENTY OF DYNAMITE STICKS LEFT
...SO I GUESS IT'S KIND OF IRONIC THAT I'M ACTUALLY GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF MY POOR LIFE CHOICES NOW.

TOMORROW, WE WILL USE THEM
TO TAKE THAT FORTRESS


...!!
MAYBE THIS IS IT!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?!
WE CAN WIN THIS THING!

OUR BAD LUCK IS FINALLY TURNING!
WE MIGHT EVEN SURVIVE!
MAYBE WE'LL MAKE IT AFTER ALL!
S-SETTLE DOWN, EVERY-ONE...!

BUT WITH HIM BY OUR SIDE, IT SEEMS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT WE WILL—
GREY ENFIELD
IT'S LIKE HE'S MADE OF SECRETS

snap
WHO'S THERE?!
I WILL NOT BE BETRAYED BY ANOTHER MAN AS LONG AS I LIVE!
AND I WAS DOING SO WELL UP UNTIL NOW!

NO!
DON'T BE SUCH A FLIGHTY FOOL, LIGIA!
shake shake shake

ACTUALLY...
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE, ANYWAY...
YOU MEAN...
ARE YOU STUPID?!
DESERTERS ARE SHOT!
rustle
WHOOPS.
TERRIBLY SORRY, LIEUTENANT.
AW...
WE SURE DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR BATH-TIME
DON'T...
DON'T EVEN TRY!
BEFORE WE GO, WE'LL MAKE SURE TO GIVE YOU A LONG GOOD-BYE.
OH, WE KNOW.
SO WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE NO ONE SEES US DESERT, THEN, AM I RIGHT?
BUT DON'T WORRY, LIEU-TENANT...

!!
ARE YOU IDIOTS THIS EAGER TO FACE THE FIRING SQUAD?

N-NO, THIS THIS WAS JUST
OR MAYBE...
...YOU'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH MORE OF A BANG.

WE'RE SORRY!!
YOU WORMS...
...WILL BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE OPERATION IS COMPLETE.
PEPARE YOUR-SELVES.
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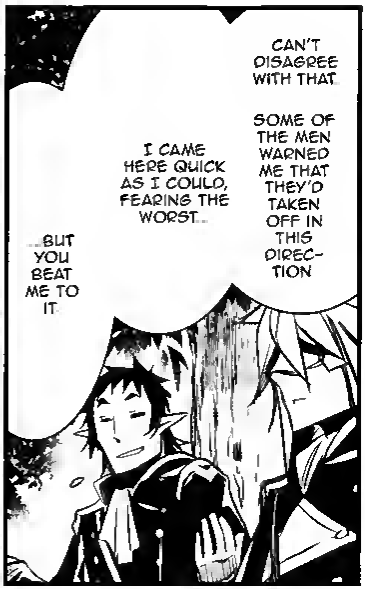
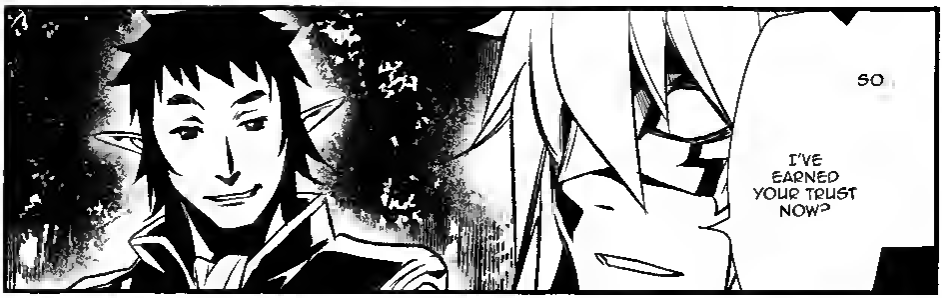
MAJOR...
I'M GLAD I MADE IT IN TIME
NIA SEES IN THE DARK, OF COURSE
SHE SPOTTED THE MEN LEAVING CAMP.
WE'LL MOVE AT DAWN.
SLEEP LIGHTLY.

THOSE MEN—
ONCE THE FEAR SETTLES I HAVE A FEELING THEY MIGHT SCURRY OFF INTO THE NIGHT

HM...
IF THEY DO, THEY HAVE MY BLESSING
BETTER THEY DESERT THAN KEEP POISONING THE MORALE

YOU PROTECTED THE LIEU-TENANT.
THANK YOU FOR THAT.
TRULY.


CAN'T DISAGREE WITH THAT.
SOME OF THE MEN WARNED ME THAT THEY'D TAKEN OFF IN THIS DIREC-TION
I CAME HERE QUICK AS I COULD, FEARING THE WORST...
...BUT YOU BEAT ME TO IT.


SO, I'VE EARNED YOUR TRUST NOW?

PLEASE HOLD ON, SAKURA.

THAT YOU HAVE!
AT LEAST FOR A WHILE...
...MAJOR!

I'M ON MY WAY!
AND I WILL SAVE YOU!!

SHINJU NO NECTAR
NECTAR OF DHARANI

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